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Durham Extends Water Line Repair Work on Ninth Street

Portion of Street to be Closed June 13–15; Motorists, Cyclists & Pedestrians Urged to Use Caution

DURHAM, N.C. — Emergency water line repair work on Ninth Street will resume today and will require the closure of one lane on Ninth Street between Green and Safeway streets until Wednesday, June 15.

The City of Durham Water Management Department contracted with JF Wilkerson, Inc. and the repair project began on May 19. At that time, it was anticipated that the project would be completed in one week. However, due to unforeseen subsurface issues, additional time is required to finish the emergency work. The northbound lane will be closed while the contractor is actively on site. If inclement weather prevents significant work from being completed by June 15, the replacement work will take place June 16-17. If work proceeds as anticipated, traffic flow will be returned to normal by the weekend.

The work zone will be located at the northern end of the block and traffic control measures will be put in place to allow driveway access. Northbound through-traffic on Ninth Street will be directed through a posted detour. Motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians are urged to use caution in this area or to use another route, if possible.

No disruptions in water service are planned, however customers in this area may notice brown water at their tap immediately after the repair is complete. If this issue occurs customers should run cold water from their bathtub tap until the water runs clear.

For more information and a <u>map</u> showing the emergency work location, visit the department's <u>Web page</u> or contact Project Manager Bryant Green at (919) 560-4381, extension 35268 or by <u>email</u>.

About the City of Durham Water Management Department

The <u>Water Management Department</u> is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, the collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services and strive to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit the <u>Web page</u>, like on <u>Facebook</u>, and follow on <u>Twitter</u>.

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